

MEMPHIS APPEAL

FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 24, 1874.

OFFICIAL SALARIES.

A great deal has been said and written about official salaries by persons who know little of the work devolving upon public officers or the ability their duties demand for their proper performance. For instance, we not long ago had the question of recompense of our judges up for discussion, and not a few were found who would, had they the power, have made it five hundred dollars instead of four thousand five hundred dollars. In the face of the fact that the highest professional ability and sagacity are demanded upon the bench, and steady, constant and unremitting labor. The city attorney's salary, with work enough to employ a lawyer almost every hour of the day, was cut down to three thousand dollars, a sum that any lawyer of three or four years' standing can easily and readily make, even in dull years like the present. The county attorney, too, receives only twenty-five hundred dollars for work that, if given out by contract, would cost the county not less than ten thousand dollars, and yet there are not wanting gentlemen who say they would do his work for one thousand dollars, want it cut down to that figure, which every one will admit does not more than represent the salary paid to inexperienced and adolescent clerks. We have always been of those who believe in a "fair day's wages for a fair day's work," regardless of what the high or offers of opponents may be. We advocated, long ago, the payment by the city, county and State of standard prices for advertising and for printing the laws and proceedings of all official bodies. We never could see why the county, city or State should have advantage over regular customers who pay largely and promptly for what they get in our columns, and so we refused to take a certain class of legal advertisements that by the rates of advertising agreed to would not pay, indeed would not pay the expense of printing. We advocated the abolition of all fixed rates of advertising by the State, and that publishers shall receive the same rate of recompense for legal advertising as for private. And what we ask for ourselves we are willingly conceding to the professionals who give their time and services in public offices of honor and trust. Their recompense should be fixed by the body employing them, and fixed, too, at something like a fair and liberal rate, one that will strike the mean between the highest and lowest, and that will meet the approval of acknowledged experts. The offers or tenders of lower salaries should never, especially with a body that, like the county court, has found Colonel McDowell equal to every emergency of professional service, faithful in little as in big things, and thoroughly devoted to his duties as a public officer. His experience in county affairs is alone worth the salary he receives, not to speak of his ability as a lawyer confessed in his partnership with one of the best lawyers in Tennessee and his own high-standing at the bar. His labors in the recent default cases; his method of work; his skill, and his acknowledged shrewdness have saved the taxpayers many thousands of dollars, not to speak of his many wise recommendations, and we feel sure the present very intelligent head of the county court, himself a thorough man of business, would not tolerate him an hour were he equal to the arduous and responsible labors devolving upon him in a position fully as onerous and troublesome as that of city attorney, the salary of which position is wisely fixed, as is that of county attorney. Competition for official position should never descend to a degradation of professional services, and our public bodies, no less than private gentlemen, should set their faces against all attempts in that direction.

A VINDICATED.

The newspapers of the civilized world are in mourning. Dr. David Livingstone was buried in London on Monday last. Instead of crossing the great lakes of Africa he has crossed the Stygian ferry, and editors are now as much puzzled for theme as Dr. Livingstone was in finding the source of the Nile. There is no doubt this man died at the death of the great explorer. He is as dead as a door-nail, and the newspapers and the Royal geographical society have come to grief; for both had in him a rich mine for discussion when everything else failed. While Livingstone was hunting for the sources of the Nile, the world was hunting for Livingstone. For seven years it has been alternately reported that he was destroyed by disease, trampled into a jelly by elephants, devoured by tigers, pelted to death by cannibals, hanged to death by cannibals, eaten by cannibals, drowned, starved, hanged, and burned alive, while some were wicked enough to intimate that the festive old Englishman was more interested in discovering the source of a lady's curly-haired maidens' affections than in finding the birthplace and cradle of the mysterious river whose source had so long bewildered the Royal geographical society. One enterprising newspaper was not satisfied with the usual speculations about Dr. Livingstone's whereabouts, and actually sent a fellow by the name of Stanley in search of the man lost in the jungles of Africa. The hunt for Livingstone was "like the pursuit of knowledge under difficulties," but Stanley found the "lost lake of the world," and the New York Herald surveyed the world with Livingstone literature. Livingstone has been to the reading public what the railroad peddler is to the traveling public. Mark Twain seems to think the peddler on a railroad is a nuisance, for if you pursue him, he will come right back with a stock of peanuts; purchase these and he thrusts under your nose ice-cream and candy. Next the rascal comes with tobacco, cigars, oranges, apples, figs, and worst of all he comes with his vilest literature. Dr. Livingstone has appeared as often before the reading public as the obnoxious railroad peddler appears before the traveling public. Now that he is dead, the press will be deprived of a prolific theme for its discussion. We presume it must fall back on the peddler's blood-and-thunder literature, as that is the next most sensational matter to the vile stuff which has been written about Dr. Livingstone for the last ten years. But the great explorer is dead, and it is to be hoped he will repose in peace, for he has made for himself a name wider than the world, without a single achievement for science, literature, religion or mankind. The P's and

the P's will hereafter have no more to say about the matter, as they will no longer be brought into requisition in describing Dr. Livingstone at Zanibar, Ujiji, Bujiji, and the mouth of the reader will no longer be twisted, at the imminent peril of breaking the jawbone, in pronouncing Tanganyika, the beautiful lake whose gentle bosom was only disturbed by the breeze as they waited the great explorer's gondola, loaded to the gunwales with African pickaninnies.

A FEARFUL FRASURE.

When New Madrid, in 1812, was convulsed by an earthquake, and the Mississippi turned backward for a night, and Redford Lake, another Dead Sea, first saw the light, then Bald mountain, in North Carolina was shaken, and dwellers in all those districts of "Bunkum" were grievously alarmed. Now, when the continents agree it begins in Bald mountain, may we not expect New Madrid and the valley of the Mississippi to be convulsed? Whatever philosophical theories are adopted as to the force that begets earthquakes, we know that they travel in fixed lines about the globe. We are, however, much inclined to the opinion that any such monster, as some of our North Carolina friends have seen in their dreams, is crawling through a hole that runs around and just beneath the crest of the globe. Mr. Clingman, an ex-congressman of North Carolina, says the shocks at New Madrid and Bald mountain, in 1812-13, were concurrent, and since a country's, like an individual's, never comes singly, we may naturally anticipate an earthquake, after this time, to crown this stupendous pyramid of catastrophes, which will rise higher than that of Cheops when we look backward in coming years to terrible wars and disasters here heaped up in 1873-74.

LABOR WILL SOON BE WONDROUS CHAMP.

It is a good thing to have a little farm about the city. Thousands of negroes, excited by storms and floods and tempests, and by Brooks and Baxter and Chain-Lightning Clayton, from the lowlands of Arkansas, and from wide submerged, desolated districts of Mississippi, seek employment in and about Memphis. Labor is cheaper than ever before in this vicinity, and food will be cheaper next year. Cheap cotton, cheap food, cheap labor, and a mighty canal, dug by Omnipotence, to bring fuel, what more can Memphis ask? There was never such a place for the establishment of profitable cotton-gins, and for profitable farming, as in the vicinity of Memphis.

THE BAPTISTS HAVE A GREAT SOUTHERN CONVENTION IN TEXAS, AND DELEGATES FROM THE SOUTHERN STATES ARE IN TROUBLE ABOUT THE MEANS OF REACHING THE PLACE FIXED FOR THE MEETING.

As a general thing they don't object to a journey, but now there is entirely too much of a good thing, and here we have a great body of Christians fearing the water even more than they do Brimstone Brooks or the head of Brimstone Brooks' family. We can only say that thus far there has been not the slightest intimation of a journey to the Memphis and Charleston roads, and our excellent Baptist friends must trust to their own instincts in case of an accident, and if a disaster befall, also kindly hope that they may escape them, showing their faith by their works.

CHANCERY SALE.

ON SATURDAY, MAY 23, 1874.

No. 88, R. D.—In the Second Chancery Court of Shelby County, Tennessee, Ann R. Sale vs. John Johnson.

By virtue of a decree for sale made in the above cause, I will sell at public auction, on the premises, the following described land, to-wit: A certain lot of land, situated in the city of Memphis, Tennessee, containing one acre and one-half, more or less, bounded as follows: On the north by the lot of John Johnson, on the south by the lot of John Johnson, on the east by the lot of John Johnson, and on the west by the lot of John Johnson.

TERMS: Cash. The above land will be sold at public auction, on the premises, on Saturday, May 23, 1874, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 22nd day of April, 1874.

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RACES! RACES!

5TH ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

CHICKASAW JOCKEY CLUB

Will commence on Monday, April 27th, and continue five days.

PROGRAMME:

First Day—Monday, April 27th—

Trial Stakes for three-year-olds, to be run at 100 yards, to which the Club will add \$500. Eight miles.

Second Day—Tuesday, April 28th—

Jockey Club Stakes, \$500, mile and a half, for all ages.

Third Day—Wednesday, April 29th—

Minor Stakes—mile heats for colts and fillies that had not appeared in public prior to the closing of Stakes, to be run at 100 yards, to which the Club will add \$500. Eight miles.

Fourth Day—Thursday, April 30th—

Jockey Club Stakes, \$500, mile and a half, for all ages.

Fifth Day—Friday, May 1st—

Jockey Club Stakes, \$500, mile and a half, for all ages.

Sixth Day—Saturday, May 2nd—

Jockey Club Stakes, \$500, mile and a half, for all ages.

Seventh Day—Sunday, May 3rd—

Jockey Club Stakes, \$500, mile and a half, for all ages.

Eighth Day—Monday, May 4th—

Jockey Club Stakes, \$500, mile and a half, for all ages.

Ninth Day—Tuesday, May 5th—

Jockey Club Stakes, \$500, mile and a half, for all ages.

Tenth Day—Wednesday, May 6th—

Jockey Club Stakes, \$500, mile and a half, for all ages.

Eleventh Day—Thursday, May 7th—

Jockey Club Stakes, \$500, mile and a half, for all ages.

Twelfth Day—Friday, May 8th—

Jockey Club Stakes, \$500, mile and a half, for all ages.

Thirteenth Day—Saturday, May 9th—

Jockey Club Stakes, \$500, mile and a half, for all ages.

Fourteenth Day—Sunday, May 10th—

Jockey Club Stakes, \$500, mile and a half, for all ages.

Fifteenth Day—Monday, May 11th—

Jockey Club Stakes, \$500, mile and a half, for all ages.

Sixteenth Day—Tuesday, May 12th—

Jockey Club Stakes, \$500, mile and a half, for all ages.

Seventeenth Day—Wednesday, May 13th—

Jockey Club Stakes, \$500, mile and a half, for all ages.

Eighteenth Day—Thursday, May 14th—

Jockey Club Stakes, \$500, mile and a half, for all ages.

Nineteenth Day—Friday, May 15th—

Jockey Club Stakes, \$500, mile and a half, for all ages.

Twentieth Day—Saturday, May 16th—

Jockey Club Stakes, \$500, mile and a half, for all ages.

Twenty-first Day—Sunday, May 17th—

Jockey Club Stakes, \$500, mile and a half, for all ages.

Twenty-second Day—Monday, May 18th—

Jockey Club Stakes, \$500, mile and a half, for all ages.

Twenty-third Day—Tuesday, May 19th—

Jockey Club Stakes, \$500, mile and a half, for all ages.

Twenty-fourth Day—Wednesday, May 20th—

Jockey Club Stakes, \$500, mile and a half, for all ages.

Twenty-fifth Day—Thursday, May 21st—

Jockey Club Stakes, \$500, mile and a half, for all ages.

Twenty-sixth Day—Friday, May 22nd—

Jockey Club Stakes, \$500, mile and a half, for all ages.

Twenty-seventh Day—Saturday, May 23rd—

Jockey Club Stakes, \$500, mile and a half, for all ages.

Twenty-eighth Day—Sunday, May 24th—

Jockey Club Stakes, \$500, mile and a half, for all ages.

Twenty-ninth Day—Monday, May 25th—

Jockey Club Stakes, \$500, mile and a half, for all ages.

Thirtieth Day—Tuesday, May 26th—

Jockey Club Stakes, \$500, mile and a half, for all ages.

Thirty-first Day—Wednesday, May 27th—

Jockey Club Stakes, \$500, mile and a half, for all ages.

Thirty-second Day—Thursday, May 28th—

Jockey Club Stakes, \$500, mile and a half, for all ages.

Thirty-third Day—Friday, May 29th—

Jockey Club Stakes, \$500, mile and a half, for all ages.

Thirty-fourth Day—Saturday, May 30th—

Jockey Club Stakes, \$500, mile and a half, for all ages.

Thirty-fifth Day—Sunday, May 31st—

Jockey Club Stakes, \$500, mile and a half, for all ages.

Thirty-sixth Day—Monday, June 1st—

Jockey Club Stakes, \$500, mile and a half, for all ages.

Thirty-seventh Day—Tuesday, June 2nd—

Jockey Club Stakes, \$500, mile and a half, for all ages.

Thirty-eighth Day—Wednesday, June 3rd—

Jockey Club Stakes, \$500, mile and a half, for all ages.

Thirty-ninth Day—Thursday, June 4th—

Jockey Club Stakes, \$500, mile and a half, for all ages.

Fortieth Day—Friday, June 5th—

Jockey Club Stakes, \$500, mile and a half, for all ages.

Forty-first Day—Saturday, June 6th—

Jockey Club Stakes, \$500, mile and a half, for all ages.

Forty-second Day—Sunday, June 7th—

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Fiftieth Day—Monday, June 15th—

Jockey Club Stakes, \$500, mile and a half, for all ages.

Fifty-first Day—Tuesday, June 16th—

Jockey Club Stakes, \$500, mile and a half, for all ages.

Fifty-second Day—Wednesday, June 17th—

Jockey Club Stakes, \$500, mile and a half, for all ages.

Fifty-third Day—Thursday, June 18th—

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